GREEN ENERGY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE

May 12, 2010

6p-7:30p

Energy Power Reception

This reception will provide unprecedented opportunities for small, minority, women-owned, and disabled veteran businesses to meet and network with majority companies, public utility procurement and diversity leadership, and Federal and State Agencies with active roles in the Green Economy.

7:30p-9:00p

Energy Star Awards

Opening Comments: Mr. Raymond A. Skinner

Secretary, MD Department of Housing and Community Development

This Award Ceremony will recognize key influencers in the space of energy efficiency and the green economy. Honorees will be recognized in the following categories: Education and Training, Diverse Supplier Initiatives, Public/Private Partnership, Green Economy Innovator, and Green Economy Business Initiative

May 13, 2010

7:30AM -8:15AM Networking Breakfast

EXPO Opens from 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Energy...Efficiency...Renewables... The New Frontier



8:30-9:30AM-Plenary Session

Welcome: Congressman Elijah Cummings,- MD 7th Congressional District

At a time of unprecedented investment in greening our economy with domestic and global focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy and the environment, the opening plenary session will inspire and inform the participants of the current and future opportunities in the green economy.

Moderator

David Owens, Executive Vice President, Edison Electric Institute (EEI)

Panelists:

Malcolm Woolf, Director, Maryland Energy Administration
Douglas Nazarian, Chairman, Maryland Public Service Commission
Timothy Simon, Commissioner, California Public Service Commission
H. RUSSELL FRISBY, JR., Partner, Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP

9:45-11:00 AM- Concurrent Workshops

Careers in the Green Economy

Careers in the Green Economy session is designed to provide participants with a clear understanding of the immediate and long term job opportunities within the Green Economy. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from expert representatives on the skills, career opportunities and exciting programs available to help you prepare to take advantage of the green economy employment opportunities.

Moderator

Eric M. Seleznow, Executive Director, Governor Workforce and Investment Board (GWIB)

Panelists:

Katherine Magruder, Executive Director, Maryland Clean Energy Center Beth Holst, Vice President, Credentialing Green Building Certification Institute James Rzepkowski, Director Workforce Development, Constellation Energy Barbara Tyran, Director Washington Outreach, Electric Power Research Institute

9:45AM-11:00AM

Business Opportunities in Energy Efficiency

Leaders from both the public sector and energy efficiency firms will inform participants on short and long term business opportunities in energy efficiency. This session will also highlight the steps and processes that will better position businesses to leverage their capabilities to expand and grow in the green economy.

Moderator:

Calvin Timmerman-Assistant Executive Director, MD Public Service Commission

Panelists:

Honorable Alvin Collins, Secretary, Maryland Department of General Services
Michelle Wyman, Former Executive Director, International Council for Local
Environmental Initiatives- ICLEI
Gregory Minott AIA LEED AP, President, DREAM Collaborative
Joy Clarke-Holmes, V.P & General Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region, Johnson Controls

Ten minute Break

11:15AM-12:15PM- Concurrent Workshops

Business Opportunities in Renewable Energy

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from and engage nationally recognized renewable energy experts that will help them identify the business opportunities in renewable energy. Participants will hear the direction of renewable energy in the United States and the local area and the types of programs available.

Moderator

Dr. Robert Wallace, President, BITH ENERGY

Panelists:

11:15AM-12:15PM

Education, Training, Certification

Training and Certification have become a must to take advantage of growing opportunities in the Green Economy. Participants will be provided with the list of education, training, and certification requirements needed to effectively compete for jobs and learn the types of programs that local colleges and federal and local governments offer.

Moderator

Bernard Reynolds, Governor Workforce Investment Board

Panelists:

Lucious Anderson, Baltimore City Community College
William "Bill" Ariano- Deputy Director, MD Department of Housing and Community
Development

Marcia Drummond- LA Trade-Tech College

12: 20 - 2:00PM

Power Luncheon

The luncheon panel leverages the expertise of former and present gas and electric utilities executives and contractors. This session will illustrate how utilities and contractors are expanding their businesses based on energy solutions for customers in the "green economy."

Moderator
James Degraffenreidt, Former Chairman & CEO-Washington Gas Light Company

2:10-3:20pm – Concurrent Workshops

Business, Finance & Investment

This session will cover the various financial resources that are in place to support minority, women-owned, and disabled veteran enterprises within the green economy. Learn how to access capital and take advantage of finance and investment programs available.

Moderator:

Timothy Simon- Commissioner, California Public Service Commission

Panelists:

Josiah Lindsey, Fortress Capital
Carolyn Green, General Partner- Enner Green Capital,
Stanley Tucker, President and CEO, Meridian Management Group
Nancy Pfund, Managing Partner, EPL Investors

2:10-3:20PM

"Straight Talk with Johnson Controls, Inc."

Orientation session conducted in key cities throughout the United States. During this session with potential diversity vendors, the company's supplier diversity & business development team and procurement personnel explain the pre-qualification process and review active purchasing plans.

3:30PM -4:30PM - Understanding Contracting in the Public & Private Sector

One of the key factors in taking advantage of business opportunities is understanding how the contracting process works, what is required to be submit successful bids and what the potential customer expects from its contractors. This session will answer those questions and assist participants in understanding the process.

Moderator:

Honorable Luwanda W. Jenkins, Secretary Governor's Office of Minority Affairs

Panelists:

Donna Harper, Business Development, Supplier Diversity, Honeywell
Selim Karabulut, Principal, ICF International
Michael Haisley, Director of Procurement, Maryland Department of General Services (DGS)

4:30PM-6:00PM INDUSTRY NETWORKING